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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Declassification of JFK Assassination Documents

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to ask that the Directorate of Operations take steps to speed up the process of reviewing the JFK assassination records.

2. As you know, all agencies are required by law to review for declassification, and transfer to the National Archives by 22 August 1993, all records relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. As of 1 April, the DO faced a backlog of some 57,000 pages just to catch up with what has been reviewed initially by the Historical Review Group. There will be an additional 135,000 pages to process by 22 August. Although I realize that resources are scarce, I believe that there is no option but to increase the level of effort on this task if we are to meet the deadline.

3. The declassification of the documents will be speeded up if the pace of the coordination process is improved. In addition to the resource aspects, I am concerned that coordination is being prolonged unnecessarily because of what may be at times an overly rigid approach to protecting sources and methods. The JFK legislation permits withholding of information on sources and methods only when there is "clear and convincing evidence" that release would "demonstrably impair" national security.

4. OGC advises that the JFK legislation supersedes all other statutory authority for withholding information (except portions of the Internal Revenue Code). At the same time, the information released under the Act does not establish a precedent for purposes of FOIA and other matters. The assassination records constitute an exception. The Act allows us to protect genuinely sensitive information such as names of agents, sources or methods currently in use or expected to be used, and current foreign liaison relationships.

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5. Please remind the DO coordination officers of the importance of being responsive to the provisions of the JFK legislation that govern declassification of those particular records.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. M. Huffstutler", is written over a faint horizontal line.

R. M. Huffstutler

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